

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 182

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tina Francis, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Avery Trace Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Tina Francis is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Francis has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Avery Trace Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Francis received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Tennessee Technological University, as well as an additional endorsement in Library Science and an Educational Specialist Degree in Curriculum and Instruction; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a media specialist and technology coordinator for seventh and eighth grades since 2005; prior to working at Avery, Ms. Francis taught at Park View Elementary from 1987 to 2005, for a total of eighteen exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Ms. Francis is a member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Putnam County Education Association, and the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS, she lends her time and professional talents to her school in numerous ways including, serving as an editor of the school newsletter, as a school improvement plan co-facilitator, as a technology coordinator, a Webmaster, and a computer software programs and multi-media equipment instructor for both her school and county in-service; and

WHEREAS, founding editor of the Park View Elementary yearbook from 1994 to 2005, she has served as both a Parent Involvement Co-Chair and a Title 1 Committee member since 2005; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Francis has received many distinguished awards and recognitions throughout her tenure as a teacher including, National Board Certification in 2005, Certified Master Educator/Reading Renaissance from 2002 to 2005, being a recipient of both the Dolores Nichols Memorial Scholarship from Tennessee Technological University in 2001, and the Eisenhower Grant for Science and Math in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Francis was twice voted Avery Middle School Teacher of the Month, twice was a presenter at the Tennessee Education Technology Conference, and was a co-presenter at the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She has also served as an association representative for the Putnam County Education Association from 1995 to 1997, and is a graduate of the workshop: Troubleshooting and Maintaining the Macintosh in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Tina Francis is also most notable for her tireless commitment to community service; she is the faculty sponsor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and for the Parent/Teacher Organization in addition to being the driving force coordinating fundraisers that raised money for the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, and for tsunami victims; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Francis truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tina Francis on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Avery Trace Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.